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SUBJECT: CYPRUS AGREES TO RAISE ISSUE OF ODIHR ELECTION
MONITORING IN BELARUS

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher; reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

¶1. (C) On March 1, poloff delivered reftel message to Vasos Chamberlain, who handles Russian and Eastern European issues in the MFA's Division of bilateral affairs. Chamberlain was not aware of Belgian FM De Gucht's plan to send three personal representatives to observe the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) election monitoring in Belarus. He agreed that this move seemed to validate Russia's criticism of the ODIHR, and noted that Cyprus would discuss this with other EU members at the OSCE.
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